



BIG MOUNTAIN SEWER DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Special Meeting Agenda August 11, 2020 9:00 am Northern Lights Conference Room, Kandahar Lodge

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Sato. Present were Brad Kincaid, Sandie Carpenter, and Leslie Bales. Dave Ruoff attended via telecom as he was in Seattle. Robert Lund was Absent.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There was no public in attendance.

A. NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE BIG MOUNTAIN SEWER RATES BY 5% and adjust rates/charges for 1" meters to be charged as 1 EDU.

President Sato reported that at the special meeting held on June 29, 2020 the Big Mountain Sewer Board adopted Resolution 2020-4, a Resolution of intent to change sewer rates for users of the Big Mountain Sewer District. The BMSD Board recommends assessing sewer rates to more accurately reflect estimated sewer usage. A 3/4" and 5/8" service is one EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) and the BMSD Board recommends that a 1" service also be charged 1 EDU. Along with this change in how the rates are applied, the Board recommends a 5% increase which will bring the rate from \$629.50 per EDU to \$660.98 per EDU. Sato then read the rates from the following table.

<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Cost per EDU</u>	<u># of EDU's</u>	<u>Annual Charge</u>
3/4" & 5/8"	\$660.98	1.00	\$660.98
1"	\$660.98	1.00	\$660.98
1 1/2"	\$660.98	4.00	\$2,643.92
2"	\$660.98	7.14	\$4,719.40
2 1/2"	\$660.98	11.16	\$7,376.54
3"	\$660.98	16.00	\$10,575.68
4"	\$660.98	28.57	\$18,884.20

President Sato continued that the notice of public hearing was published in the Daily Inter Lake per regulations, and letters notifying the property owners of the public hearing and the proposed changes of the 5% rate increase, and 1" being changed to 1 EDU were sent out on July 31. A letter was also sent to the Montana Consumer Counsel as mandated. Administrative Manager shared that there were 14 letters returned out of approximately 700 letters sent out.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – SEWER RATE AND CHARGE MODIFICATION – 5%

A. Open Public Hearing -

President Sato opened the public hearing, asking for any comments either for or against, or any questions regarding the 5% rate increase and/or the change for 1” service to 1 EDU. There was no public in attendance, so not comments or questions.

Administrative Manager Bales reported there were no written comments received either for or against. Bales added she had received only three phone calls with questions regarding the rate increase, and none had negative feedback.

President Sato closed the public hearing at 9:06 p.m.

4. RESUME SPECIAL MEETING

President Sato called the meeting back to order in regular session.

A. ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-1 – “Sewer Rate – Modify Rates and Charges”

President Sato asked the Board how they wanted to proceed. Kincaid made motion to adopt Resolution 21-1 “Sewer Rate – Modify Rates and Charges” incorporating a 5% rate increase and moving 1” service to 1 EDU, second by Carpenter. Motion carried with Kincaid, Carpenter, Ruoff, and Sato voting FOR, no one voting AGAINST, and Lund ABSENT.

Administrative Manager Bales reported the tax assessment roll will be sent off to Flathead County later this week as the deadline to submit is August 21, and she will be camping from the 16th through the 21st so wants to get this turned in early.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

President Sato reported she had several conversations with Andy for the Edson cabin project, and that the Department of Environmental Quality is backlogged and have not yet approved the modifications. Sato will call DEQ Friday if we have not heard anything before in order to try to get this all wrapped up.

6. MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Board discussed dates for our regular fall meeting. The next meeting will be held September 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Northern Lights Conference Room, Kandahar Lodge, Whitefish MT.

7. ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Jennifer Sato, President

Leslie Bales, Secretary